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11. (SBU) In its December 13 session, the Tri-Presidency approved the donation of arms and ammunition from the former Army of Republika Srpska to Afghanistan. President Silajdzic and former President Tihic had blocked the transfer for months, citing political concerns within the Bosniak caucus. The approval comes after substantial Embassy lobbying with new Presidency Chairman Radmanovic and Silajdzic. We will continue to push for the approval of a similar pledged donation from former Federation Army stockpiles.

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